

**Agenda – Meeting 2**  
**Lander/Green Mountain Mule Deer Working Group**  
**July 23, 2014**  
**6:15 PM – 9:15 PM**  
**Lander, WY**

**Working group attendees:** Stan Harter, Joe Hutto, Brad Hovinga, Travis Stevenson, Rowdy Anderson, Ken Metzler, Marla Lemm, Jared Oakleaf, Harold Schultz, David Killebrew

**Absent:** Katie Erickson, Ember Oakley, Ilana Williams

**Public attendance:** Kevin Monteith, Bruce Campbell, Steve Agueda, Casey Dickinson, June Dickinson, Tom Sweet

**Game and Fish personnel:** Brady Frude, Richard Klouda, Daryl Lutz, Amy Anderson, Linnea Sailor

**Facilitator:** Rene Schell

**6:15 Welcome:**

Rene informed the group of Ilana's pending move to North Carolina and advised that Ilana may recommend her replacement on the group to represent NGO's. Rene asked the group whether they would like to receive email updates, notifications, etc prior to meetings and the group responded favorably.

**6:30 Review and Approve minutes from last meeting and agenda for this meeting:**

Approved, no comments

**6:32 Review and Approve Charter:**

Accepted/Approved unanimously (9 fives, 1 four)

**6:45 Mule Deer Ecology Presentation from Kevin Montieth:**

**"Learning what we can do for Wyoming mule deer" powerpoint**

Ken brought up the issues of predator control and private land use relative to the local mule deer compared to the Wyoming Range where sheep are still more abundant on the range. Daryl suggested we can identify predator control impacts if we can determine the "nutritional carrying capacity" of mule deer locally. Ken suggested predators can have a domino effect when habitat conditions are poor. Joe talked about personal observations and differences he's seen in productivity and survival. Jared asked about nutritional patterns relative to migration corridors. Kevin thought there would be important pieces of information coming out in about two years that will help answer many of these questions. Kevin thought that after his Wyoming Range study is concluded, he will be able to loosely predict herd nutritional carrying capacity in other herds with similar range components. Daryl brought up the importance of increasing focus on habitat improvements on summer & fall transition ranges while still understanding the importance of winter range conditions. Kevin brought up how critical

it is to maintain migration corridors through transitional ranges, but by virtue of how important stopover points are during transitions, it would be beneficial to make improvements in transition ranges.

**7:45 Break**

**8:00 Develop Group Mission Statement:**

David looked up online what Forbes says about developing a mission statement... What do we do? How do we do it? Whom do we do it for? What value are we bringing? The group broke up and developed two statements and held discussions to condense those into one overarching mission statement. "To support the conservation and enhancement of the South Wind River and Sweetwater mule deer herds based on scientific research, quality game management and habitat improvement for future generations."

**8:30 Select Chairperson:**

Rene will work closely with chairperson to disseminate info and be a spokesperson to other groups. Harold recommended there be a need for a vice-chair position in the event the chairperson is unavailable. Harold volunteered to be chair. Ken volunteered to be vice-chair. The group approved Harold chair and Ken vice-chair.

**8:45 Review Survey and Approve:**

Suggestions due 5:00 P.M. Wed. July 30

**9:05 Next Meeting:**

- **Date:** Beginning Sept, Wed's do not work for Marla. Rene will send a doodle poll for the Aug meeting (to include the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Sept)
- **Homework:** Working Group will read mule deer nutritional requirements and Rene will send out artwork for group comment
- **Topics for next meeting agenda:** Provide more detailed information relative to these mule deer herds i.e. maps, transitions/migrations
- **Feedback**

**9:15 Adjourn:** 9:31 P.M.